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1. DURING FEBRUARY 20 CALL AT DEPARMENT BY FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN, UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON REFERRED TO HERMES-HILLENBRAND CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL AND SAID WE ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED OVER PROSPECTIVE DELAY IN GETTING COORDINATING GROUP GOING. HE EMPHASIZED THAT MEETING WOULD NOT GET INTO SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, WOULD BE PURELY ORGANIZATIONAL IN NATURE, AND THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL GET STARTED SOONEST, IN VIEW OF GREAT AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE AGAINST TIGHT DEADLINES.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH VON STADEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MADE SUPPLEMENTARY PITCH, ADDING THAT IT IS IMPORTANT PRESERVE MOMENTUM, AND THAT DELAY MIGHT WELL RESULT IN RE-POLITICIZING QUESTION WHICH WAS SETTLED WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY BY CONFERENCE. CONVERSELY, AN EARLY MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP WOULD SHOW THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING DOWN TO WORK AND HELP REMOVE RESIDUAL POLITICAL HEAT FROM WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. RE VENUE, HARTMAN SAID THIS LESS IMPORTANT THAN EARLY START, AND IF ANY COUNTRY WISHES PROPOSE ITS OWN CAPITAL

AS SITE, WE WILL BE GLAD CONSIDER.

3. VON STADEN SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF HERMES-HILLENBRAND CONVERSATION, BUT THAT HE THOUGHT DELAY WOULD NOT BE LONG, AND WAS PROBABLY NECESSARY IN INTRA-EC TERMS, FIRST TO PRESERVE AMENITIES WITH FRENCH BY URGING THEM TO PARTICIPATE, AND SECONDLY, BY REACHING AGREEMENT AMONG EIGHT IF FRENCH CONTINUE REFUSE HAVE ANY PART OF MEETING. HE SAID EIGHT SIMPLY COULD NOT COME TO MEETING IN DISARRAY, AND THAT WHILE THERE WAS BASIC AGREEMENT AMONG THEM, THERE WERE ALSO SOME DIFFERENCES TO BE IRONED OUT.

4. ADDRESSEES SHOULD AS NEEDED STRESS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS DESIRABILITY GETTING MEETING UNDER WAY FEBRUARY 25.
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